

ADMIRAL RABORN HONORED BY
FORRESTAL AWARD

Mr. MONRONEY. Mr. President, I invite the attention of Senators to an award just made to a man known to many in the Senate.

Last night, the National Security Industrial Association presented its annual Forrestal Award to Adm. William F. Raborn, Jr. For more than 40 years, Red Raborn has served his country in truly distinguished fashion. He has been the recipient of many honors during an outstanding and varied career, a career which has taken him from naval cadet to a commanding position of aircraft carriers, which has taken him into the design of the great Polaris missile, and now has taken him into new executive leadership as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Red Radford has been the recipient of many honors during his outstanding career, and I believe it is fitting and proper that he should be as well recognized as he was at the huge banquet which was held by the National Security Industrial Association last night.

We all know the outstanding job he did to bring the Polaris missile project from its first idea or initial inception to a most successful conclusion, well ahead of schedule.

Today, under the seven seas, Polaris missile submarines stand guard as a great defensive weapon, which can also insure certain retaliation in a thermonuclear exchange, should anyone be so careless or so callous as to risk such a conflict.

Successful development of this weapons system contributed significantly to the security of this Nation. Today, Red Raborn is continuing to contribute to the security of our country by his distinguished service as Director of Central Intelligence. I believe that he will do an outstanding job wherever he serves. Surely, there is no more important job than the one he now has. I am sure that Admiral Raborn is applying his penetrating judgment and management skills to the most complex and difficult task of providing the best possible intelligence to the President and the policy-making officers of the Government.

Mr. President, I am proud that while Admiral Raborn was born in Texas, he was raised and educated in Oklahoma and went to the Naval Academy under an appointment from the State of Oklahoma.

I have been proud to be associated with him for many years, and join in congratulating him on winning this newest and most outstanding award.

Let me thank the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. Montoya] for his courtesy in yielding to me at this time.